

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
5:00 PM**

Present: Jay Tibbetts, Joe Van Deurzen, Richard Schadewald, Karen Sanchez, Susan Paulus-Smith, James Crawford

Excused: Harold Pfotenhauer

Others Present: Brown County Supervisor Joan Brusky, Anna Destree, Rob Gollman, Patti Zich (minutes recorder)

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Jay Tibbetts called the meeting to order and welcomed Brown County Supervisor Joan Brusky and introduced Interim Director Anna Destree.

Anna Destree indicated she has a Master of Science Degree and has worked at the Health Department for 11 years starting out in the regional role for the public health preparedness grant and gave examples of work she has been involved in. Her qualifications were sent to the State of Wisconsin and she is prequalified for a level 3 Health Director.

2. Approval / Modification of the Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Van Deurzen / Schadewald

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting of September 13, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes from September 13, 2016

Van Deurzen / Schadewald

Jay Tibbetts had one spelling correction.

MOTION: To approve the September 13, 2016 minutes as amended.

Van Deurzen / Schadewald

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Comments from the Public

Jay Tibbetts indicated the format has changed in that comments are no longer restricted to items on the agenda which is consistent with the Board of Supervisors recent changed.

Jim Vanden Boogart, 7463 Holly Mor Road, Greenleaf, Wisconsin. Jim Vanden Boogart submitted to the Board a recently published, peer-reviewed paper entitled "*Wind Turbine Noise and Human Health: A Four-Decade History of Evidence that Wind Turbines Pose Risks,*" by Jerry L. Punch and Richard R. James, which gathers together the currently available information pertaining to the proposition that noise emissions from industrial wind turbines can lead to adverse health effects. He states the overall purpose of the paper is to provide a systematic review of legitimate sources that bear directly and indirectly on the question of the extent to which industrial wind turbine noise leads to the many health complaints that are being attributed to it. The basic aim is to provide a comprehensive and representation of the literature that is relevant to many of the claims made by wind industry advocates.

William Acker, Acker & Associates, 3217 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI. Mr. Acker submitted a written document entitled "*Review of Comments made by Jim Crawford at the Tuesday Sept. 13, 2016 meeting of the Brown County Health Dept.*" in which he disagrees with statements made by Jim Crawford.

Barbara Vanden Boogart, 7463 Holly Mor Road, Greenleaf, Wisconsin. Barbara confirmed what William Acker had to say as she was present during the stray voltage testing by Mr. Stetzer. One of the other homes tested at 291 times what the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences states is relevant to causing cancer.

4a. Joan Brusky communication with Lafayette County regarding proposed wind farm in their county
Joan Brusky handed out two articles "Windmills in Lafayette County," by Brian Lund, and "New wind farm coming to Lafayette County brings boost to WI wind energy industry," by Gordan Severson. She indicates that Lafayette County was going to have a wind turbine farm operational in 2017. She would like the Brown County Board of Health to draft a letter encouraging Lafayette County to do a study prior to the installation of the 49 turbines and also afterwards.

MOTION: The Board of Health of Brown County draft a letter to Lafayette County encouraging them to support a statewide study of the health effects of wind turbines.
Schadewald / Van Deurzen

Discussion amongst Board Members as to what the letter should contain.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Environmental Division Update

Rob Gollman indicated the department is working on standardization of the sanitarians for uniformity in food inspection. Rob indicated the vacant sanitarian position is still open at this time. He will continue to work with Human Resources to get the position filled. Rob was asked to be on the UW-Green Bay Dietetic Advisory Committee. At the last meeting, Rob discussed with the committee a possible career track with their Nutritional Science/Dietetics program to partner with their environmental program to create a career track for training health inspectors. He also indicated he will be utilizing health educators more in the future. Rob would also like to revisit the certified food manager certification course being taught here at the Health Department in English and Spanish.

Rob indicated we also had our "This is Public Health" event in October and believed we had 300+ people attend and all positive feedback. The Environmental Division had information on bed bugs, water testing, radon kits, rabies and Day in the Life of a Health Inspector.

Rob stated they did a quality improvement project in regard to rabies and it is now complete and will shift to electronic reporting.

Rob provided a packet of information which included odor complaint comparison chart and information brochure for the Environmental Division.

Rob also included documents he recently received from Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health which is part of the Department of Health Services which includes, 1) "Resolution No. 37 (2016) Resolution Regarding The Planned Development of Wind Turbine Energy Systems in St. Croix County," 2) October 12, 2016 letter from State of Wisconsin to St. Croix County Board of Supervisors, 3) July 19, 2010 letter from the State of Wisconsin to Edward S. Marion, 4) April 30, 2012 letter from State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services to Fred Johnson, Director, St. Croix County Health and Human Services, and 5) Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health (DPH, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health (BEOH) Wind Turbine Talking Points. This was in response to his repeated requests for assistance regarding infrasound and low frequency noise complaints related to wind turbines.

6. Nursing Division Update

Anna Destree reported in a collaborative effort with WI Department of Health Services, nursing and environmental staff are working together with a multi juridical foodborne outbreak investigation. In addition, two mass flu clinics were held at the Health Department and they are exploring an additional mass flu clinic in December. A nursing report with statistics was provided to the Board Members. Anna also reported on our lead investigations currently being managed by the Health Department. The school based adolescent immunization clinic was held at Franklin and Washington Middle School and we will continue to explore walk in based immunization clinics at the Health Department. Rob Gollman gave an overview of our lead program.

7. Interim Director's Report

Anna reported at the "This is Public Health" event, 171 children received flu vaccine for free, 21 adults purchased and received the flu vaccine, 11 radon tests were sold, 19 vision screenings were completed with 7 referrals and 20 hearing screening with 4 referrals and also 2 memory screenings.

Anna reported that the merger with Human Services was approved in the budget. She indicated there was money set aside to move the Health Department. However, a location has not yet been determined.

Anna also stated we are putting together a community group/community partners to discuss the Somalia population. We are noticing a big demand for case management.

Anna encouraged the Board of Health members to attend the WALHDAB conference.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. All Other Business Authorized by Law

Richard Schadewald indicated a Health Department staff member spoke at the Board of Supervisors veto meeting and Mr. Schadewald wanted Rob and the Board of Health to be aware of it.

Jim Crawford disagreed with Mr. Acker's comments and believed they were misleading. Mr. Crawford submitted an article entitled "Wind Turbine Studies: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," by The Conversation. It is a scientific review of the Cape Bridgewater Wind Farm Study, which purported to show cause and effect in a few people and when the turbines were on and off, and the article says it was nonsense.

Jim Crawford asked that Jay Tibbetts talk to the group and see if they will support a state study because there is a chance it can get in the budget.

Richard Schadewald states the letter should say, "The Brown County Board of Health encourages the Lafayette County Board of Health to Support a Resolution to the State of Wisconsin to fund and complete a health impact assessment on the effect of wind turbine energy systems."

MOTION: To support the letter Richard Schadewald has proposed.

Van Deurzen / Crawford

MOTION CARRIED

10. Adjournment / Next Meeting Schedule

MOTION: To adjourn meeting

Van Deurzen / Crawford

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2017 5:00 PM